



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the first 3 months of school. The learning that has been going on is tremendous and we cannot thank you enough for the support that you have given. The Holiday season is almost here and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and enjoyable Holiday season.

Questioning – Thinking

When we come back in January, as a school we will be focusing on Thinking and the types of questions that we need to be asking of ourselves and of our students. We are engaged in a world where information is so readily available to us that we cannot keep up with the new information that is created on a daily basis. With this, the roles of teachers and education is changing – from being the deliverer of content to a facilitator of learning. We need to focus on asking students questions that get them engaged in the thinking process. We need to encourage students to be risk takers and we have worked hard to set up the risk taking/safe questioning classroom environments.



**School Council
at
6:15 p.m.
December 7, 2015**

**O.P.P. Cyber Safety and
Digital Citizenship
Presentation!**

**Everyone Welcome!
Free Babysitting!**



Tamworth ROCKS

Respect	Responsibility
Optimism	Organization
Co-Operation	Confidence
Citizenship	Kindness

Skating day

The first skating day was a huge success! A huge thank you to Carolyn Sinclair for saving the day by driving the primary students back on the bus. Hopefully there will be no rain on December 11th. If you have extra skates at home collecting dust, please consider donating them to our skate exchange program. A huge thank you to all the families who have donated skates to date!

See you on the ice December 11th!!!

The Importance of Punctuality

As part of our school improvement goals, Tamworth Elementary School is using Literacy and Numeracy “blocks” for instruction in the morning. When students arrive late to school, they are often missing key components of the lesson for that day which places them at a disadvantage academically. Helping our students be punctual not only improves their time management skills, it helps to ensure they receive the full benefit of their teacher’s instruction.

JINGLE BELL RUN

On Friday, December 4, 2015 at 2:35 p.m. we will host a Jingle Bell Walk to help support our local Food Bank and daily physical activity. Students will receive a bell to hold or tie to their footwear during the walk. We are asking each student to bring a non-perishable food item for their bell. Thank you for continuing to support our school’s citizenship events.

Non-Perishable Food Items

Each and every year we donate boxes of non-perishable food to our local Lions Club. During the Holiday season the Lions Club make baskets and deliver them to families in our area who are in need.

Please send a can or two for this very important community act of kindness.



BUS CANCELLATIONS

With the approach of winter weather parents are reminded to review/update their emergency contact information and listen to their local radio stations for bus delays/cancellations. If a bus route has been cancelled for the morning run, the bus is cancelled for the whole day. Parents will be responsible for the return transportation for any student dropped off at school.

Bus # 716 Steve Melhuish
Bus #717 Carolyn Sinclair
Bus # 725 Donna Hollar
Bus # 738 Sonja Wood
Bus # 740 Ron Putnam



Bus # 786 Nick O’Toole



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Thank you for the donations of gently used winter jackets, snowsuits, boots, mitts and gloves to date. These items have helped our students stay warm on cold winter days. We greatly appreciate your donations and support!

Parent Council Committee

Lost and Found

Are your missing coats, sweaters, pants, hats, mitts or socks? If you are, come in and check out the lost and found table.




Discovering Sweet Word Segments

Oranges have segments, and so do words! Words segments are made up of syllables. They are also made up of beginning, middle and ending sounds. Being able to segment words is essential for children to learn how to spell.

Bubble Gum Words

Pretend you are chewing a bubble gum word. Once this imaginary gummy word is soft, pull it slowly from your mouth one sound at a time. Stretch these word sounds (rather than letter names) so that your child hears the segments very slowly:

For example, say “b-u-b-l” As soon as the word is all the way out, clap your hands and quickly say “bubble”.













Can your child make a bubble gum word from holiday words such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Muharram; or from the names of family members, pets or friends?

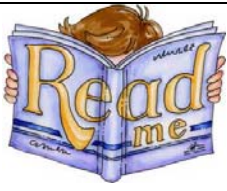
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December 2015



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 Poinsettias need to be picked up! 	3 Cheese Pizza Day  NDSS Band here 	4 Vision Screening for SK and grade one students Jingle Bell Walk 2:35 pm  Collection of Non-perishable food items begin
7 Lunch and Milk order forms due for January  Parent Council Meeting @ 6:15 p.m.	8	9	10 Chicken Wrap 	11 Skating 9-10 grades 4-8 11:30-12:30 grades 1-3  7/8 Students go to South View for a Live Different Presentation
14	15	16 Holiday Concert Holiday Concert @ 1:35 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. 	17 Cheese Pizza Day  Snow date Holiday Concert @ 1:35 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	18 Lions Club in to pick up Non Perishable food items  Red and Green Day
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	



January 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2
4 Welcome Back!	5	6	7 Cheese Pizza 	8
11	12	13	14 Spaghetti Day 	15 Skating 9-10 grades 4-8 11:30-12:30 grades 1-3 
18 February Hot lunch and milk for orders due to the office	19	20	21 Cheese Pizza Day 	22
25 Dairy Presentations Dairy Farmers of Canada 	26	27 Family Literacy Day	28	29
Feb 1	2	3	4 PA Day	5

January 2016

Welcome back to our staff, students and community. We hope that you all had a restful and relaxing break. It seems that Winter has come at us with a vengeance to start the year. It was great to see everyone on Monday. We have had a great start to the year and it is hard to believe that we are almost half way through. Staff and students are working hard and we continue to have high expectations for our students both behaviourally and academically. We will start with the February newsletter with information again about the changes in the Education. As always, if you have any questions please, give us a call. Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support to make Tamworth a GREAT place to be!

Chad Taylor
Principal
Tamworth Elementary School
Enterprise Public School

SKATING DAYS

January 15, 2016

February 12, 2016

March 11, 2016

All parents and volunteers need to wear a helmet!

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.



Thank you!

- ❖ To the Tamworth Tops for donating extra warm hats and mittens to our School!
- ❖ To Thinkfirst and KFL&A Health Unit for organizing the donation of 25 helmets with masks for our skating days.
- ❖ To the community members who have donated skates for our skate exchange program.
- ❖ To all the students and community members who donated non-perishable items to help support the Lions Club with the annual Christmas food drive.
- ❖ To all the parents and the community members who were able to enjoy our annual Holiday Concert. It was a wonderful way to start our Holiday!
- ❖ To the Hannah family for the donation of musical chimes in memory of Mary Hannah.

We are very fortunate to have such amazing support from our community.

Please remember to pack a spoon in your child's lunch if the require one!

